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## **ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121**

Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated July 9, 2007, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group II claims, i.e. claims 13-26 and 31-34, drawn to a method for producing an inducible site-directed transgenic cell or organism comprising a mutated allele of a gene and a rescue allele of said mutated gene. The Applicants further elect the species as follows:

- i) Lox-sites:
- ii) direct inhibition;
- iii) one mutated allele:
- iv) one rescue allele;
- v) mammalian cell:
- vi) manimalian tissue:
- vii) cre/lox inactivation;
- viii) in vivo;
- ix) embryonic lethal; and
- x) random integration of foreign DNA.

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